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1. IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT CANADIANS ARE MORE TOLERANT
OF GOVERNMENTAL HIGHHANDEDNESS, OR EVEN CORRUPTION, THAN
ARE AMERICANS. WHILE THIS THESIS MAY BE ARGUABLE, I THINK
IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT HERE IN HALIFAX AT ANY RATE THE
RECENT REVELATIONS ABOUT RCMP ILLEGALITIES HAVE FAILED
TO EXCITE MUCH CRITICISM. ON ONE HAND, ILLEGALITIES
HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING TERM IN OFFICE OF A LIBERAL
GOVERNMENT, WHICH GIVES PC'S AND NDP OPPONENTS OF
THAT GOVERNMENT A CLUB TO USE AGAINST IT. ON OTHER
HAND, HOWEVER, RCMP'S ILLEGALITIES DIRECTED AGAINST
PARTI QUEBECOIS PROBABLY ARE CONDONED BY MANY ATLANTIC CANADIANS
WHO FEEL THAT EROSION OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE HANDS
OF THE DEEPLY RESPECTED RCMP IS MUCH LESS OF A THREAT

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THAN IS THE BREAK-UP OF THE COUNTRY THRU THE
MACHINATIONS OF THE PQ.

2. SOLE EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTED IN NEWSPAPERS
RECEIVED HERE THUS FAR WAS IN NOV 1 ISSUE OF MONCTON
TRANSCRIPT. IT, HOWEVER, WAS BLISTERING ATTACK
ON RCMP AND ON TRUDEAU, COMPARING FORMER'S ACTIVITIES

WITH WORST EXCESSES OF FBI AND CIA AND LATTER WITH
NIXON, THE GREEK COLONELS, THE CHILEAN COLONELS, PERON,
SALAZAR, AND FRANCO. (NO MENTION MADE, HOWEVER, OF
HITLER OR ATTILA THE HUN.)

3. ALTHOUGH THOSE WHO SILENTLY CONDONE RCMP'S ILLLEGALITIES
MAY WELL BE AT LEAST SLIGHTLY UNEASY ABOUT THEM, MY GUESS IS
THAT NO WIDESPREAD CHORUS OF PROTESTS IS LIKELY TO WELL UP
IN ATLANTIC CANADA UNLESS FURTHER REVELATIONS OF A MORE
SHOCKING NATURE SHOULD COME TO LIGHT. IF, FOR EXAMPLE,
BUGGING OF OFFICES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IS ULTIMATELY LAID
ON RCMP'S DOORSTEP, IN A CONTEXT INDICATING THAT RCMP--
OR SEGMENTS OF IT--HAS ACTED IN PARTISAN MATTERS AT BEHEST
OF LIBERAL PARTY, CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN RCMP WOULD LIKELY
BE SEVERELY SHAKEN THROUGHOUT ATLANTIC CANADA. ABSENT SUCH
A DEVELOPMENT, THOUGH, I THINK THE CURRENT FURORE WILL BLOW
OVER RELATIVELY QUICKLY.

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